



STATE OF MONTANA
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES DIVISION



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Advisory

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TO: DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: REVIEW OF DRAFT INFORMATION SECURITY POLICY INSTRUMENTS

In accordance with the Department of Administrations stated direction to adopt the security standards established by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)ⁱ, the following *draft* policy instruments are available for review by statewide government organizations, the Montana university system, the private sector, and interested parties.

The near-term review schedule is listed below; the **second** item is released for review with this advisory:

<u>Draft Release</u>		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Policy Instrument</u>	<u>Comments Due</u>
April 3, 2009	Statewide Policy and Standard: Information Security Identification and Authentication	April 24, 2009
April 10, 2009	Statewide Policy and Standard: Information Security Configuration Management	May 1, 2009
April 17, 2009	Statewide Policy and Standard: Information Security Risk Assessment	May 8, 2009
April 24, 2009	Statewide Policy and Standard: Information Security System and Communication Protection	May 15, 2009

These instruments deploy the second through fifth (of seventeen) control families of NIST-based security controls.

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The instruments are available for review on the “Draft Release Date” at the [Enterprise Information Systems Policy Instruments](http://itsd.mt.gov/policy/policies/default.mcp) webpage at <http://itsd.mt.gov/policy/policies/default.mcp>.

Please review and submit any comments and feedback, to include your best estimate of the impact of these upon your organization, business and customer base, **Not Later Than the “Comments Due” date listed above**, to the **Policy Manager** at [ITSD Service Desk](http://servicedesk.mt.gov/ess.do) (at <http://servicedesk.mt.gov/ess.do>), or email to ITPolicy@mt.gov, or mail to:

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The remaining process steps for approval of these policy instruments are:

- Formal statewide review (in progress)
- Collect and document comments
- Determine disposition based on comments
- CIO approval of the resultant policies and standards
- Publication statewide of approved policy instruments with associated comments

This policy falls under the provisions of the Montana Information Technology Act ([2-17-234 MCA](#)) that states the Department (of Administration) “...shall establish and enforce statewide information technology policies and standards”.

Direct any questions or concerns to the **Policy Manager** at the contact information listed above.

Advisory Disposition: Retain original for Record.

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ⁱ Statewide Guidelines: Information Systems Security
(http://itsd.mt.gov/content/policy/policies/security/Statewide_Guidelines_IS_Security.pdf)